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TAGS: ENRG, ETRD, CA
SUBJECT: NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) AMENDS REGULATIONS
TO ALLOW INCREASED GAS EXPORTS WITHOUT HEARINGS

1. GOC HAS APPROVED CHANGES IN NEB REGULATIONS THAT WILL
ENABLE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE NATURAL GAS EXPORTS AT RATES
EQUIVALENT TO TWO BCF PER YEAR FOR PERIODS LESS THAN ONE
YEAR WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS. PREVIOUSLY, REGULATIONS
LIMITED NEB EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS, ABSENT HEARINGS, TO ONE
MMCF PER DAY OR EQUIVALENT OF 365 MMCF PER YEAR (ROUGHLY
ONE-SIXTH OF NEW ANNUAL MAXIMUM). ONE MMCF PER DAY LIMIT
STILL APPLIES FOR PERIODS BETWEEN ONE AND 20 YEARS.

2. COMMENT: NEB ADVISES US THAT AMENDMENT IS INTENDED TO
DEAL WITH SMALL-VOLUME ETHANE EXPORTS NOT WORTH EFFORT OF
FULL-SCALE HEARING. BOARD FELT IT NEEDED MORE FLEXIBILITY
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TO DEAL WITH UNANTICIPATED SHORT-TERM DEMAND FOR GAS IN
SITUATIONS THAT WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR EXPEDITIOUS TREATMENT
AS EMERGENCIES. WHILE VOLUMES ALLOWED UNDER AMENDED REGU-
LATIONS ARE TOO SMALL TO FIGURE IMPORTANTLY IN POSSIBLE
"SWAP-BACK" ARRANGEMENTS EXCHANGING SURPLUS ALBERTA
"BUBBLE" GAS FOR ALASKAN GAS AND WERE NOT INTENDED BY NEB
TO DO SO, NEW AUTHORITY COULD FACILITATE SMALL-VOLUME SWAP

OR MAKE UP PART OF LARGER-VOLUME DEAL. ENDERS

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